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SUBJECT: ALPHA HELIX AMAZON EXPEDITION 1976-77

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1. PLEASE ADVISE PHASE I EXPEDITION PLANS PERTAINING TO TRAVERSING OF VENEZUELAN WATERS AND DATES R/V ALPHA HELIX WILL BE IN VENEZUELAN WATERS. ALSO, PLEASE ADVISE IF ANY STOPS ARE PLANNED IN VENEZUELAN WATERS, FOR WHAT PURPOSES AND DATES SUCH STOPS ARE PLANNED. IF R/V ALPHA HELIX ONLY GOING TO BE PASSING THROUGH VENEZUELAN WATERS THEN NO PROBLEMS ARE ANTICIPATED WITH THE GOV. HOWEVER, IF ANY STOPS IN VENEZUELAN WATERS ARE CONTEMPLATED DURING PHASE I OR ANY OTHER PHASE OF THE EXPEDITION, THEN WE WILL NEED FULL AND COMPLETE DETAILS REGARDING THE SHIP, ITS CREW, ITS PASSENGERS, TYPE OF EQUIPMENT ON BOARD, COMPLETE ITINERARY FOR TIME WITHIN VENEZUELAN WATERS, ETC. IT MAY TAKE 6 TO 9 MONTHS TO SECURE THE VARIOUS CLEARANCES NECESSARY IF THE R/V ALPHA HELIX AMAZON EXPEDITION PLANS ANYTHING OTHER THAN NORMAL TRAVERSING OF TERRITORIAL WATERS.

2. PLEASE FURNISH DATES AND COURSE TO BE FOLLOWED BY R/V ALPHA HELIX WHILE IN VENEZUELAN WATERS. NO SPECIAL CLEARANCES ARE NECESSARY IF SHIP JUST PASSING THROUGH TERRITORIAL WATERS. HOWEVER, EMBASSY BELIEVES IT BEST TO FURNISH APPROPRIATE GOV OFFICIALS THIS INFORMATION IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE PROBLEMS.
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